Dear Js, 3/14/73

We followed our usual tax-season program this morning and eliminated 1,000 feet of wlking for me. Lil skimmed the Post while I was driving, told me to get an extra paper, and I did (again no Times for today). I got the mail and came home ,intending to go over the paper in the hour of so before I have to leave to keep an appointment. However, in reading the mail so I could think about it, I was again impressed by the accuracy of your perceptions in your 3/9, even when you lacked factual basis. So, to enhance our mutual understanding of what is possible, I respond while it is fresh in mind instead of reading the papers.

Agreed on JG. Aside from the probability of others who may not surface or may at the criminal proceeding or the civil suit, whichever comes first - and I do have a couple of candidates - there were also Gurvich and Boxley. The timing you assume happend to be correct. Bethell had not by then defected. But he had by then done something I knew and JG didn't. It came back to me from a peer to whom I had introduced him and who visited him in N.O. So, Bethell, although it is not generally know, was talking at the time in question, even though it was long before he stole the files and turned them over. (Here I digress to remind you that Kirkwood seems to have said that he got the same thing from Boxely, whose name he does not mention. Kirkwood has not responded to my letter.)

Yet there is an element of accident in this. I realize overcoming it would have been no problem, but the fact is that it is only by accident that I met this chick, even looked her up. About 11/1/67 I learned of her and a relationship with Martens, in which I had interests other than JG's. I gave this and other leads to JG, who was very excited. On my next trip to N.O. I learned he had done nothing. For this reason only did I. I'd never have looked her up if he had followed the leads because my main interest was Oswald. She could have looked me up, of course, as as she later showed, she pretty much knew when and where I'd be.

Your perception on shuimen can be illiminated by many things but the most apparent is the directness with which I sought to use the freedom-of-information law and what I think could be quite relevant, the nature of the information I specified wanting. It has to do with putting the hat on GL and exposing his personal, financial crookedness. So you have a snug but comfortable fit. In addition, it followed my discontinuing the use of the phone to Woodward, Bernstein and Larry. Keeping up with the letters isn't feasible.

(Considering the early precision of my forecasts, there would have been basis for what you say, learning how much I guessed, learned or figured out. All the essential ones have been correct, most often in detail but sometimes in general - as on the espionage and turmoil. So, it need have been no secret what I thought and there could have been interest in where I carried it.)

The worst has yet to emerge. Bad as is what has.

However, there is another interesting, if perhaps meaningless, correlation. There has been a prolonged silence, considering the intensity of the epistles for a period of time. If that, as in the past, coincides with my leaning on, it also coincides with all the revelations of the Gray disaster. Or, reduced need.

I never really did expect the visit. Neither did Lil. If it had come to pass, she might have nixed. I8m easier.

(Speaking of leaning, I've sent you my pressures on Jerry Ray and I think a response to Lesar on his expression of concern at my going too far. I'll be sending a copy of a letter I got from Jerry today. I didn8t. It worked. My telling Jim how long we could expect it to work is accurate, and the original of some of what Jerry said with James is repeated. I can only wonder if this included the statement that James would sing on the stand, and if it did, what the thinking behind it was or could have been.)

I do have need for what you have said, that is why I sought it. If I can believe that there may be no more in this than appears on the surface, I have always been aware of other possibilities. So, either disagreement or agreement can have meaning. I also think I am in the kind of position you say, so this increases the need for consultation and opinions.

Thanks,